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Sky-high. T officials say ridership on almost all modes increased, with particularly big jumps on the subway and buses. **36 million.** The surge may be due to the Red Sox World Series games, with sports-lovers opting to take the transit system. PAGE 02

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Boston, armed with cans, wages a war on hunger

BostonCANshare.

The city is doling out Hub-themed prizes this week to those who contribute to its online fundraiser.

With the holiday spirit in full swing, Boston residents are showcasing their generosity by helping to fight food insecurity in the region.

Now in its 27th year, BostonCANshare works with every city agency and department to collect 50,000 pounds of food for the hungry. This year, the effort is also seeking to raise \$100,000 in contributions to the Fresh Food Fund initiative.

"We set out when planning this year's campaign with the goal of making it the most successful yet, in large part due to the fact that it's Mayor [Thomas] Menino's last campaign," said Emily Finn, CANshare coordinator. "He really championed CANshare throughout his time as mayor."

And according to the city's Office of Food Initiatives, the need in Boston is there.

One in five Bostonians go hungry, and nearly half of the Greater Boston Food Bank's clients must choose between heat and food.

This week, as CANshare winds down, organizers are offering dozens of rewards to those who donate money to the online drive. Prizes include Boston Celtics tickets, a personalized street sign, a year-long Hubway membership and more. Winners are randomly selected and notified by email.

See more at
www.metro.us



A worker hauls donated food items at the Greater Boston Food Bank. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

The Greater Boston Food Bank at a glance

It is the largest hunger relief organization in New England.

- Throughout the year, the bank will distribute 46 million pounds of food to roughly 550 member agencies, serving 545,000 people in Eastern Massachusetts.

- Fresh produce makes up 25 percent of the food distributed by the local food bank.

- Ninety-two cents of every dollar donated to the bank goes directly toward hunger relief efforts.

Quoted

"The face of hunger changed dramatically in past few years. So it's not what people might expect."

Emily Finn
BostonCANshare coordinator

As of Monday, CANshare had raised \$25,000 toward its goal.

"We are really excited to see what this fundraiser will do to that number. I think it's an exciting way for us to thank people for being engaged and also to incentivize them," said Finn. "[CANshare] has been incredibly successful throughout its history, and I really think it's due entirely to a broad base of Boston residents and constituents being engaged."

According to a recent report by Project Bread, more than 700,000 people in Massachusetts struggle with food insecurity — a number almost 40 percent higher than it was prior to the recession, and nearly 80 percent higher than it was at the beginning of the last decade.

To help donors connect with the more than 500 pantries scattered across the state, Code for Boston recently launched PantryPickup.org, a map-based database that shows the location, contact information and open hours of all facilities.

"People are predisposed to giving right now, and we figured this would be a way for them to give to their community," said Kristen Weber, project manager of PantryPickup.org.

"Boston at first glance seems to be very affluent. Hunger is something you may not necessarily see first hand, but it's there. It's also something that people don't often talk about. I think bringing it to the forefront of the conversation is important."



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What's trending online at Metro.us

1 'Chefs dish on their perfect last meals'

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Today's tweet

"Calm down guys, #Banksy is not in #Boston. Those are all old photos of old works floating around. #banksyinboston #banksyisntinboston"

@ItsTheSeff on what appeared to be a Twitter hoax involving renowned graffiti artist Banksy

Record rides. T ridership soars in October with more than 36M trips

In October, MBTA ridership increased by nearly 3 percent over October 2012, totaling 36.228 million trips.

Average daily ridership for October increased by 4.3 percent over 2012 and totaled 1.382 million trips per

weekday — the highest since the transit agency was created in 1964.

The Red, Orange and Blue lines carried an average of 35,500 more riders a day, and buses provided a daily average of 22,100 more trips. **METRO**

Governor's race

Baker outpaces other candidates

Charlie Baker, the only candidate in the gubernatorial race who has run for the office before, trounced the field in fundraising last month, hauling in \$261,370 in October. The Republican ran against Gov. Deval Patrick in 2010. **SHNS**

Vandalism

Pringles, wine, destruction at Brighton church

A can of Pringles, a bag of Tostitos, a bottle of wine and a lot of destruction was discovered inside a Brighton church last week. Now, Boston police are asking for the public's help to identify the culprits responsible for



The suspects / BOSTON POLICE

the damage, which they believe took place between Nov. 23 and Nov. 25. **METRO**



Double down. Eastie vote won't stop Suffolk Downs plan, track head says

Officials from Revere, Suffolk Downs and Mohegan Sun voiced confidence Monday when talking about a new resort casino project to be located solely in the city, saying surrounding communities cannot put a stop to the new plan.

"We feel very good about our partnership here," said Chip Tuttle, the chief operating officer of Suffolk Downs. "The gaming commission has been very clear that host communities have the abilities to move a project forward; surrounding communities don't have the ability to stop a project. We want to have positive relationship with all of our surrounding communities."

It's still unclear if the Massachusetts Gaming Commission will approve a plan forged by the just days-old partnership between Suffolk Downs and Mohegan Sun after a split vote on a Host Community Agreement with East Boston and Revere — the track failed in East Boston but passed in Revere. Mohegan Sun had also failed to secure a vote of confidence from voters in Palmer, where it had initially planned to locate a casino.

"We have a valid Host Community Agreement in Revere,

Revere-only casino

The new project would be located on 42 acres in Revere and would not be connected to the track, officials said. Officials had few details about plans for the casino or what it would look like, offering no renderings at the news conference.

- However, Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority CEO Mitchell Etes said the Revere casino would be a "national and international tourist destination."

we have a valid land use question in Revere, and we look forward to moving ahead," Tuttle said.

Officials, including Revere Mayor Dan Rizzo, said they believe, despite the new partnership and amendments to the Host Community Agreement, that a new vote is not needed.

The gaming commission has a hearing scheduled for today when it will discuss the Suffolk Downs project.

A deadline is set for the end of the month for casino license applicants to submit plans.

MICHAEL NAUGHTON



Hanukkah illuminates the State House

Gov. Deval Patrick, state leaders and members of the Jewish community gathered at the State House last night to light a menorah on display at the building's Grand Staircase. The lighting celebrated Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of Lights, which began at sundown last Thursday. As in past years, officials required a lift to reach the top of the 18-foot menorah. The annual event featured songs and activities to celebrate the holiday. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

Check-out time

Park Plaza rooms hit by burglar

Authorities plan to seek burglary charges against a 35-year-old Boston man after he allegedly stole items from various rooms in an upscale Boston hotel. Paul Palrao allegedly broke into multiple rooms in the Park Plaza, police said. METRO

Toy drive

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The worldwide campaign raised money for prostate cancer research and other men's health issues.

Men around the world sported extra facial hair during the month of November, raising donations and awareness of men's health issues as part of the Movember campaign.

In the U.S., about 219,000 men raised more than \$18.6 million this year. Globally, nearly a million participants brought in just shy of \$95 million in donations.

To help promote Movember, Metro asked readers to submit photos on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram of their #MetroStache. In Boston and Philadelphia, we're awarding a Braun 3Series 3805-4 Wet & Dry Shaver to a randomly-selected reader who sent us a photo. One New York reader is getting a gift from our co-sponsor, menswear retailer Heights + Kenchi.

Here are some of your #MetroStache photos — thanks for participating!
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Metro readers flaunt their #MetroStache this Movember



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1 Was Walker drag racing when he died?

Details continue to emerge about the car wreck that killed "Fast and Furious" actor Paul Walker and his business partner, Roger Rodas, on Saturday — and they aren't pretty.

TMZ.com reports that cops are looking into the possibility that Walker and Rodas were drag racing when their Porsche exploded after first hitting a tree and then a lamppost. The area where they died is a well-known racing strip. In fact, TMZ reports that fans are "doing dangerous burn-outs,

donuts and other high speed stunts" at the death site in memoriam of Walker.

Meanwhile, production for "Fast and Furious 7" "won't be scrapped," sources close to the production tell the Hollywood Reporter. Filming has been underway in Atlanta, taking a break for the Thanksgiving holiday. Sources say production will be "delayed" as they figure out how to re-work the project and "how to proceed in a manner that would be respectful to Walker's death."

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip

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Come on out!

British Olympic diver Tom Daley and actress Maria Bello took to different forms of media this weekend to reveal new same-sex relationships.

Daley posted to YouTube to officially come out, telling fans that he has been dating a man for most of this year.

"Come spring of this year, my life changed massively when I met someone. And it made me feel so happy, so safe, and everything just feels great. That someone is a guy. It did take me by surprise a little bit. It was

always in the back of my head that something like that could happen, but it wasn't until spring this year that something just clicked," he said.

Meanwhile, Bello told the world about her new girlfriend, Clare, in a first-person essay in the New York Times titled, "Coming Out as a Modern Family."

Jackson, Bello's 12-year-old son from a previous relationship, took his mother's new relationship in stride. When she told him, "He looked at me for what seemed like an eternity and then broke into a huge, warm smile. 'Mom, love is love, whatever you are,'" she wrote.



Over-the-hill? Not so fast

Everything's coming up Kate Moss.

First up, the supermodel, who turns 40 next month, was honored at the British Fashion Awards in London on Monday where she won a special award for her 25 years in fashion.

Second, her issue of Playboy hits stands Friday. The 18-page spread features a Q-and-A with Moss and Tom Jones. Jones lobs softballs at the model (as you should when someone is naked) with such questions as, "Who would be on your ultimate guest list?" The model replies, "Jack Nicholson, [photographer] David Bailey, Stevie Nicks, Catherine Deneuve, Joan Collins — love! She texted me the other day. I could not believe it. 'Hi, it's Joan Collins.' I was like [mimes dying-of-shock]. My husband, because it would be mean if I didn't invite him. And Hugh Hefner, obviously."



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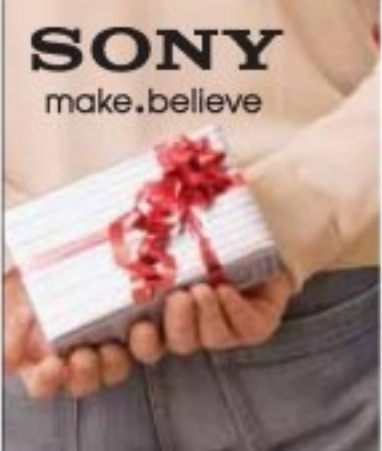


Twitter feed

Today, Lady Gaga is enjoying life on the road, and Jeremy Piven is not having a great time as a football fan.

@ladygaga: Rolled around Tokyo today, made it to my favorite shop. They asked me to paint a leather (an epic pastime of mine)

@jeremypiven: The good news is we are alive and not defined by our favorite sports teams (he said sobbing like a grandmother on the floor)



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Sentimental favorites

Mitch Albom is known for tugging at heartstrings, so we asked the author what makes him tear up:

- **Movie:** "It's a Wonderful Life." I cry every time at the end."
- **Song:** "The Very Thought of You." Janine sang it to Morrie in his house."
- **Book:** "Gilead" by Marilynne Robinson. It's just so beautifully written."



Mitch Albom / PROVIDED

Mitch Albom talks tragedy and hope

Books. Mitch Albom's new book, "The First Phone Call From Heaven," will inspire you to make some calls of your own.

"Tuesdays with Morrie" author Mitch Albom isn't a fan of texting. "We text, we Facebook, we post. We do everything we can to avoid a conversation," Albom tells Metro.

But after losing a loved one, Albom insists that even for a society that prefers communicating digitally, it's real-life conversation that we long for most. "There are so many people when they lose someone that wish they could have one more conversation," he says. The characters in Albom's latest book, "The First Phone Call From Heaven," are given exactly that chance.

The book is about a small town that starts receiving phone calls from heaven. Mostly, the book follows one man whose wife died, leaving him to raise his young son alone. He can't bear for his son to have false hope that his mom is going to call, so he sets out to prove the whole thing is a hoax. The idea for the book came



after Albom lost the ability to have a conversation with his mother. "She suffered a stroke and lost the ability to speak," he says. "It's been more than three years since I've heard her voice. It occurred to me how precious the human voice is."

Promoting the book has prompted Albom readers to tell him their own stories about real-life phone calls from heaven. "One guy told me he got a phone call from his mother. She had died in a car crash," he says. Albom is no stranger to experiencing miracles himself. "There are so many good things that have happened to me. It can't be coincidence," he says.

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Even better than a leg lamp

Review. "A Christmas Story" will make you cry your eyes out — with laughter.

Like the classic 1983 film, "A Christmas Story, the Musical" is a funny, heartwarming tale of old-fashioned 1940s holiday magic. Be warned, however, that this full-scale, Broadway-caliber musical boasts plenty of nostalgia and humor — for adults. The sentimentality will be wasted on the very young.

At the center of the story is 9-year-old Ralphie who, despite being warned by every adult in his life that he'll "shoot [his] eye out," desperately wants a Red Ryder B.B. Gun.

Jake Lucas is delightfully awkward as Ralphie, as he contends with schoolyard bullies, a cranky father and a brother whose "arms won't go down." Lucas' genuine exasperation as he tries to manifest his Christmas dream will resonate with any adult who still recalls the



The stage adaptation of the 1983 film hits all its marks. / CAROL ROSEGG

very real challenges of being a child in a grown-up's world.

Dan Lauria (best-known as the Dad in TV's "The Wonder Years") delivers a spot-on performance as the narrator, while John Bolton and Erin Dilly shine as The Old Man and Mother, respectively. Caroline O'Connor adds pizzazz as Ralphie's teacher Miss Shields.

There's something distinctly magical about a musical at Christmas time, and this one in particular hits home. Ralphie's Red Ryder has never looked so good.

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Lashes and lips

Beauty. Dolce & Gabbana national makeup artist Christian McCulloch helps us primp for the party season ahead.



Christian McCulloch / PROVIDED

Put your favorite orange lipstick from the summer away already: Celebrity makeup artist Christian McCulloch says that fall is all about the cooler tones, like fuchsia and burgundy.

To style the new bold pout, go easy on the eyes, he says. "It's fresher without a heavy eye," says McCulloch. "A pale shadow, like a gold or champagne, is really pretty and easy, because it doesn't require precision. Just something shimmery across your eyelid with great lashes."

But what's the makeup artist — who gets Scarlett Johansson and Michelle Williams red-carpet ready — really loving?

"My big thing at the moment is lashes and lips," says McCulloch. "Really amazing lashes, maybe with a winged eyeliner." He shows us how to

Tip

Party-ready

"I always like sparkle. Shimmery and metallic eye shadows are fun. Also, liquid liner is a great party look. I think a liner along the lash line and winged out is beautiful."

create the look.

Create a cat-eye

"It's tricky," admits McCulloch. He suggests sketching out your line softly first with a pencil. "This is to see the



A pale shadow like gold works perfectly with great lashes says McCulloch. / ISTOCK

His must-haves

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Now for the cheeks

"I'm not one for heavy-duty cheek color," says McCulloch. "But I do love to bring in bronzer to the cheek through winter. In winter, you want a little color in your face, too!"

"Dolce & Gabbana has a bronzing color called Desert, which I use for contouring. The two blush colors I use most are an apricot and a pale pink to create a soft flush on the cheek."

angle, and to see how it looks with your eye open before you go in with a liquid applicator," he says. "If you paint a flick on an eye when it's closed, it can look a bit too horizontal when you open your eye. Look in the mirror and see where you want that flick, and then create a tiny dot with a pencil and paint from that dot down toward the corner of your lashes. I also take the pencil

and run it along the inner rim of the eye, top and bottom. That'll create that [feline] Sophia Loren, Audrey Hepburn look."

Thick or thin?

"I like a thicker cat eye," says the artist. "Thick is cool; it makes it strong. It doesn't have to be Amy Winehouse-level, but that Kate Mossy thing is nice."



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How to ask for flextime

Parenting. Want to work from home part-time? Here's how.

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your work-home situation is, talking to your boss about flextime is worth it and can be done. Here's how to do it.

Gauge your work culture

"A lot of companies boast about having flex benefits, but it might not be the true culture of the workplace," O'Donnell says. "If you look around and no one's doing it, it doesn't mean you shouldn't ask for it, but you could be frowned upon for taking them up on something they hoped nobody would."

Frame it as a win-win situation

Now comes the hard part: asking your boss. O'Donnell stresses it's important to point



To show you're still fully committed, stay logged on during office hours.

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out what your employer will be getting out of the deal. "If you ask to work from home on Wednesdays, tell your boss how fully committed you'll be those days because it means not worrying about your kids being home alone, or whatever it is," she says.

Flexibility goes both ways

If your boss gives you the go-ahead, it's important to actually work from home. "If you are expected to work 9 to

5, be logged on from 9 to 5," O'Donnell advises.

O'Donnell also says you should be willing to come in for an important meeting even if it falls on a day you typically are at home. "You shouldn't say, 'Well, you had me come in on Wednesday, so now I'm going to switch my work from home day to Thursday this week,'" she says. "If you ask an employer for flexibility, you need to [give] flexibility back."

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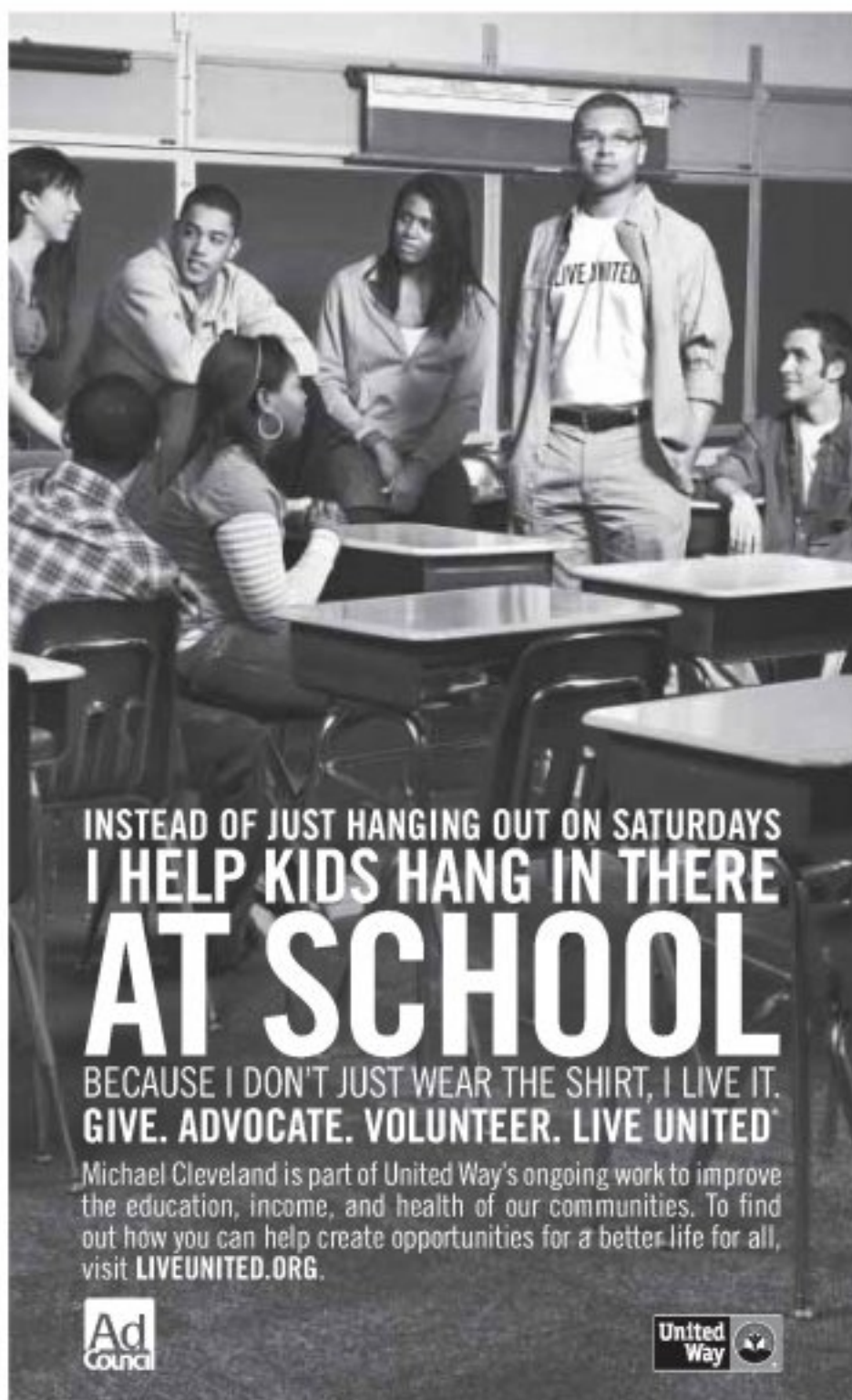
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♏ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. Partners may cost you more than you bargained for. Refrain from making promises that are hard to live up to. Your tendency to overindulge in all areas of life should be curbed.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. Educational pursuits will help you get a better job. Making a career move will pay off. Problems with a friend or relative should be handled swiftly.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Delays due to red tape will be annoying. Leave plenty of time to sort through any problems that arise. Lowered vitality may result, leading to minor ailments.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. You'll enjoy all the options that come available to you. Embrace change and enjoy making new friends along the way. Simplicity and moderation should be enforced.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. A lack of sympathy will surface if you are stubborn. Use your skills diversely. This is an opportune time to show others what you are capable of doing.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Don't mix business with pleasure. You'll get more accomplished both at work and at home if you give your undivided attention to whichever happens to be your focus.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. Put your creative talent to work for you. A unique approach to something you already do well will give what you have to offer new life. Self-improvement will boost your confidence.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Choose your path and stay on course. A change will inspire you to try something new. Don't let someone's demands get you down. Be courteous, but don't neglect your needs.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. A responsible attitude will get you a lot in return. Romance is on the rise and will help you ward off a problem you might face if you aren't attentive.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Speak up. If you get your feelings out in the open, you will be able to deal with any problem you encounter. Take care of any legal, financial or medical matters.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Participate in seminars, trade shows or anything that interests you. You'll be inspired by what you see and learn.

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Letters

Obama not a very good boss

Re: 'This is not your father's GOP' (Metro, Dec. 2) In his letter, Mr. J. Connell claims that the GOP wants only three things: One: The destruction of President Obama. If fighting against a man who has made the world less safe (Iran pact), drove the national debt up by trillions, kept the unemployment rate at just about 8 percent for five years and destroyed the best health system the world has ever known via Obamacare

is wrong, then count me and millions of other Americans as happily wrong. Two: The elevation of the private sector over the public. Meet the new boss, Mr. Connell ... same as the old boss. You want to be a slave to some nameless bureaucrat who has his job because he/she passed a civil service test — be my guest. I'll take my chances with the private sector. Three: Reversing the last 50 years' worth of progress on social equality. The first female appointee to the Supreme Court, the first African-American appointed secretary of defense, the first

female African-American appointed secretary of state, the first Hispanic attorney general of the U.S. were all made under Republicans.

TROY OWENS, VIA EMAIL

A question of fundamentals

Re: 'Parties don't disagree on civil rights' (Metro, Nov. 27) Letter writer Darrell Hartwick mentions that the Democratic and Republican parties do not differ on the topic of "fundamental civil rights." I'm

guessing that Mr. Hartwick believes gay marriage is not a fundamental right since it appears that the majority (if not all) Republicans do not agree with this. If race and religion is a fundamental civil right, then you would think sexual orientation and the right for a person to marry a man or a woman would be just the same, but it is not.

DANIELLE DAVIS, VIA EMAIL

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1 Thumper's friend
6 Wide valley
10 NFL broadcaster
14 Cook's attire
15 Hieroglyphics bird
16 Flight prefix
17 Stirs up
18 Weather maker (2 wds.)
20 "Becket" actor
22 Rooney et al.
23 Sure
26 Perjure oneself
27 Former Speaker Tip —
28 Snifter contents
33 Thin porridge
34 Boast about
35 Mr. in Bombay
36 Robin beaks
37 Moriarty's creator
38 Blocks, as a stream
39 Poker card
40 Fracas
41 Red-ink entry
42 Used up

44 Time of the mammals
45 "Exodus" hero
46 Linebacker, often
47 Metallic sound
50 Lookouts
52 Traveler's safety measure (2 wds.)
54 Enthusiasm
58 — out (withdraws)
59 Buffalo's lake
60 Grapevine item
61 Thrush's refuge
62 Phone bugs
63 Porch adjuncts

Down

1 Disqualify
2 PFC mail drop
3 Hi-tech scan
4 Thin cords, actually (2 wds.)
5 Hook up
6 Spicy mustard
7 Ferrara or Gance
8 Lo-cal

9 Hairpin curve
10 Pulled down
11 Sunflower product
12 Implore
13 — de plume
19 Pollute
21 Fix a squeak
23 Warming spirits
24 Caruso's first name
25 Deli order
26 Narrow street
28 Sang to the moon
29 Wear the crown
30 Ms. Allende
31 Luxury fur
32 Wimple wearer
34 Field mouse
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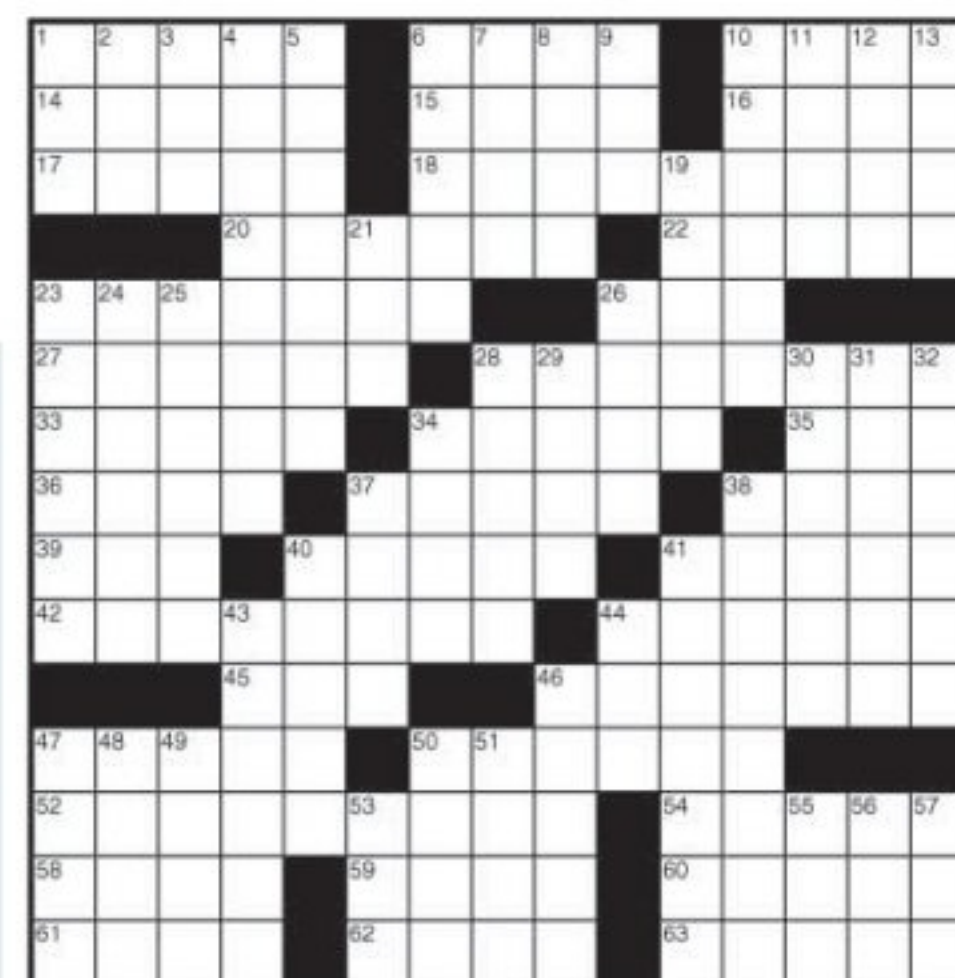
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53 Casino action
55 Bovary title
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57 Box-score fig.

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PATRIOTS SHOULD ROLL THE DICE WITH RIDLEY

Stevan Ridley did the crime (again) against the Broncos nine days ago and he paid the time Sunday against the Texans when he was a healthy scratch.

That should be that. Ridley would swiftly take up the mantle of "dumbest player in the NFL" away from the Texans' Antonio Smith if he has not yet realized that he has a fumbling issue. Here's guessing that Ridley has known for some time now. It appeared he got the message in the seconds following his first quarter fumble against Denver when he slammed his helmet in disgust on the Patriots' sidelines. It also appeared he got the message Sunday when CBS cameras spotted him, like a scene out of a bad 1990s high school football movie, clenching a football against his body while his teammates got to have all the fun out on the field.

Know this: If Ridley wasn't a talented guy, he would have already been cut by Bill Belichick. He certainly still has great "value" to the team. And there's that little thing about him being worlds more talented than LeGarrette Blount and Brandon Bolden.

So, should the King of the Cough-Up get meaningful carries the next few weeks and into January? Here's saying a definitive, "Yes!"

When the Patriots won their three titles in the Belichick-era, they did so with talented running backs. Corey Dillon was phenomenal, as most know. Antowain Smith, arguably the most underrated player of the Pats first title run, had four 100-plus yard rushing games in 2001 and posted 204 yards on the ground in three playoff games that season. He also coughed up the ball four times that year. Ridley has coughed up the ball four times this season. Unfortunately for him, he has a (pardon the God-awful pun) riddled history when it comes to ball control. Never was this more evident than the AFC Championship



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Stevan Ridley has rushed for 576 yards on 135 carries this season. / JEFF ZELEVANSKY, GETTY IMAGES

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game last season when he was knocked out cold by Patriots assassin Bernard Pollard and lost the football.

In 2012, Ridley carried the ball 323 times, including the playoffs. He fumbled five times total. The first three times, it wasn't that big of a deal because the Pats won. The last two came in losses to the 49ers on Sunday Night Football and the AFC title game. Those mistakes came on grand stages, in losses, and those tend to stick with people over the long haul. Great players often fall victim to this scenario. Wes Welker came up with literally hundreds of huge catches for the Patriots. His two big playoff drops, one in the Super Bowl against the Giants and one last

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winter against the Ravens, are part of the reason as to why Welker was jeered by New England fans last week. But, here's guessing those same fans would take him back in a heartbeat today (money notwithstanding) because he is the type of player that has the potential to be great every single time he takes the field, even with all the baggage. Ridley is no different. He is the most talented running back the Patriots have. Whichever team hoists the Lombardi Trophy in early February in New Jersey will have some luck on their side, as there are no historically great teams in the league this season. For the Patriots, it's time to roll the dice with Ridley and hope the good outweighs the bad.

'The Truth' hurts



Pierce likely to miss first matchup against Celtics next week

A month into the 2013-14 NBA season, the feeling could not be more different surrounding the 5-12 Brooklyn Nets and the 7-12 Boston Celtics.

The Nets have been the NBA's biggest disappointment so far and their fan base received more bad news Monday as it was announced that Paul Pierce will miss the next two-to-four weeks with a broken bone in his right hand. He will most certainly miss the first game against his old team since last summer's blockbuster trade, which is a week from Tuesday in Brooklyn. The Nets will appear in Boston for the first time this season on Jan. 26.

The C's have played above expectations and host the Bucks tonight (7:30 p.m., CSN). **METRO**

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'Silly' Smith

Ninkovich defends Pats scheme

A day after Houston defensive end Antonio Smith said he was "very suspicious" of the way the Patriots adjusted in the second half of Sunday's game, New England linebacker Rob Ninkovich fired back. "It's kind of a silly comment," Ninkovich told WEEI's Mut & Merloni. "I'm sure they're a little upset that in the second half they couldn't stop Tom (Brady) and our offense."

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